

REMARKS

This Response is submitted in response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2005. Claims 1-62 are currently pending. Claims 23-62 have been withdrawn previously. The current Office Action is an election of species requirement requiring Applicants to elect between alleged species of claims. Applicants respectfully submit that this election of species requirement is not proper. In this regard, all of the claims appear to be generic. Moreover, the election appears to try to improperly limit Applicants to a single species. Therefore, Applicants submit the election should be withdrawn.

However, to eliminate the issue and render it moot, Applicants have canceled Claims 5, 7, 9, 13, 15, 17, 20 and 22 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants note for the record that the subject matter of Claims 5, 7, 9, 13, 15, 17, 20 and 22 is not being disclaimed. These claims are merely being canceled so as to render moot the election of species requirement. Moreover, the cancellation of these claims does not narrow the application nor is it made for the purposes of patentability. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute these claims in a continuation application.

Respectfully submitted,

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